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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AFT PRESIDENT SHANKER

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- 1. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE REASON FOR SHANKER'S VISIT TO THE ROC OTHER THAN THAT HE ASKED MORRIS PALADINO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AAFLI (ASIAN AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE), TO INCLUDE IT ON HIS ITINERARY. (AAFLI IS ARRANGING SHANKER'S TRIP.) WE ASSUME THAT IT IS FOR A COMBINATION OF SIGHTSEEING AND SUPPORT OF THE AFL-CIO POLICY TOWARD THE ROC.
- 2. WITH REGARD TO THE POSSIBLE QUESTION ABOUT FUTURE AAFLI TRAINING SEMINARS, OUR POSITION IS THAT THE ROC IS AN "AID GRADUATE COUNTRY" WHICH HAS MADE SUCH EXCELLENT ECONOMIC PROGRESS THAT IT NO LONGER NEEDS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. SINCE AAFLI IS SUPPORTED ALMOST IN TOTO BY AID FUNDING AND THE ROC IS WELL ABLE TO PAY FOR TRAINING SEMINARS ITSELF, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT RELATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

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SCARCE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDING SHOULD BE APPORTIONED TO MORE NEEDY NATIONS.

3. ANOTHER QUESTION WHICH MIGHT BE RAISED IS THAT OF

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## WORKERS.

- 4. WE KNOW OF NO REASON WHY NORMALIZATION, WHEN IT COMES, SHOULD CHANGE THE NATURE OR EXTENT OF AFL-CIO CONTACTS AND PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL LABOR ACTIVITIES. THESE ARE PRIVATE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THE SCOPE AND AUTHORITY OF THE US GOVERNMENT EXCEPT WHEN, AS IS THE CASE WITH AAFLI, THEY INVOLVE US GOVERNMENT FUNDING.
- 5. AS GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR THE SHANKER VISIT, WE SUGGEST THAT HE BE GIVEN THE SAME COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE WHICH WOULD BE EXTENDED BY THE EMBASSY TO ANY PROMINENT VISITOR. VANCE

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